

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) to (c). A limited number of retired railway employees are engaged on daily rates in the categories of Typists/Stenographers, Accounts Clerks, Commercial Clerks etc. as on ad-hoc measure pending availability of regular recruits through Railway Service Commissions. The services of such daily rated staff are dispensed with once regularly selected candidates are available.

Diesel Shed at Kharagpur

752. SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had proposed to start a diesel shed at Kharagpur and the said proposal had been accepted in the Railway Budget;

(b) in which year was the proposal first mooted and in which year Railway Budget did it first find a place;

(c) the present stage of actual implementation of the said proposal; and

(d) if there has been abnormal delay in starting the implementation of this proposal, the reasons therefor and what steps Government propose to take to start actual work on this proposal?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) Yes.

(b) The proposal was first mooted in 1979-80 for inclusion in the South Eastern Railway's Works Programme for 1980-81. It was approved in the Railway Budget for 1980-81 presented in June 1980.

(c) The abstract estimate for the diesel shed was sanctioned in March 1981. Presently the drawings are under finalisation.

(d) There has not been abnormal delay. However, there were some problems in the actual shed site in view of the very complicated lay out of Kharagpur and Nimpura yards, pattern of traffic in view of the new Steel Plants at Paradeep/Daiteri and Vishakhapatnam etc. These have been resolved and the work will be taken in hand with the finalisation of drawings.

Airy Delhi Transport Corporation Buses

753. SHRI HIRALAL R. PARMAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether over-crowding in Delhi Transport Corporation buses particularly in summer is unbearable and unhealthy a practice; and

(b) whether to obviate the above, Government propose to open the portion of the roof, over-head the driver, close to the destination plate (like that of Tourist Buses) and half-open the wind screen (left of driver) to make the buses more airy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b). Overcrowding certainly makes bus-travel uncomfortable particularly during summer. D.T.C. buses however, have cross-ventilation and no change in the present design is contemplated.

Reutilisation of Chassis of Condemned Buses

754. SHRI HIRALAL R. PARMAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state whether Government propose to re-utilise the chassis of condemned bus after undertaking necessary repair and removal of machine, as a trolley to a new bus, on straight routes, to cope with heavy rush?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI SITARAM